

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/079,489	NIETHAMMER, BERND
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Timothy P. Solak	3746

All Participants:

(1) Timothy P. Solak.

Status of Application: Allowed

(3) _____.

(2) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 1 April 2005

Time: pm

Type of Interview:

Telephonic
 Video Conference
 Personal (Copy given to: Applicant Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: Yes No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

None

Claims discussed:

8, 10-12

Prior art documents discussed:

None

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:

I informed William Foster, that the means plus function in Claim 8, contained enough structure to perform the function. I suggested deleting the term valve from the clause as a possible solution.

William Foster informed me that he would consider my suggestions and wanted to make some minor changes to the application, specifically changing upstream to downstream. William Foster suggested faxing a propose amendment.

After reviewing the proposed amendment I informed William Foster that all the changes look good and Claims 10-12 would be rejoined. William Foster agreed with all the changes set forth in the Examiner's Amendment.